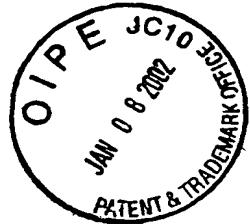


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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the August 27, 2001 Office Communication,
please amend the above-identified patent application as
follows:

In the Specification:

In accordance with a telephone conference with Examiner
Prasthofer on October 24, 2001, Applicants are hereby
submitting a substitute specification. A marked-up copy of
the original specification showing where sequence identifiers
(SEQ ID NOS) were inserted into the application is also
attached hereto.